

# California ' gional Water Quality Control Board

San Diego Region



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Z 390 538 419 Kanwar Narain and Ragini Narain Narain Oil Inc. Ajkeraka Inc. 16908 El Camino Real Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 Z 390 538 420 Caldwell Family Trust c/o Mr. J. Steve, Tiritilli Realty 29379 Rancho California Road, Ste. 108 Temecula, CA 92591

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kanwar and Ragini Narain:

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE AT FORMER DELTA DISCOUNT GAS (NARAIN OIL COMPANY), 28111 FRONT STREET, TEMECULA, LOCAL CASE NO. 94-094, RB CASE NO. 9UT2937.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (RWQCB) is the State regulatory agency with the responsibility for protecting the quality of ground and surface waters within its area of jurisdiction. The RWQCB has been given authority under the California Water Code (CWC) to require submission of information, direct action, establish regulations, levy penalties and/or bring legal action when necessary to protect water quality.

Cleanup and abatement activities associated with petroleum hydrocarbon fuel leaking from an underground storage tank (UST) at the site referenced above was under the jurisdiction of the Local Oversight Program with the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health (DEH). Riverside DEH asked the Regional Board to assume responsibility for overseeing this cleanup and abatement, and notified you of the referral by letter dated August 28, 2000. The unauthorized release from the UST at the site was reported on February 7, 1994. During a groundwater sampling event conducted on August 5, 1997 the concentration of methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether (MTBE) in groundwater underlying the site was 37,000 µg/L. The aquifer beneath the site is known as the Pauba Aquifer and is located within the Murrieta Hydrologic Subarea (Basin Number 902.32) of the Santa Margarita River Watershed. The Pauba Aquifer and surrounding basin supports numerous public water supply wells operated by the Rancho California Water District. One of their public supply wells, Well 118, is downgradient from this site. The presence of MTBE was confirmed in water samples collected from Well 118. For these reasons the Regional Board considers this a high priority case.

Mr. and Mrs. Narain Former Delta Discount Gas

Pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) § 13267, please submit information included in items 1-4 to the Regional Board Executive Officer by **December 15, 2000:** 

- 1. A list, in chronological order, of all technical information (i.e. site assessment reports, groundwater monitoring reports, workplans, ect.) that have been submitted to the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health, together with a brief summary of the information submitted.
- 2. A copy of the most recent groundwater monitoring report.
- 3. Documents pertaining to the ownership of the underground storage tanks and history of this site. This may include, but is not limited to, responsible party names, copies of permits, bill of sales, lease agreements, ect.
- 4. A complete mailing list of all record fee title owners of the property as required by the California Health & Safety Code, Sections 25297.15 & 25299.37.2. The law requires that all current fee title holders be notified of any cleanup or closure proposals with respect to unauthorized petroleum releases.

Submit a workplan for site assessment to complete delineation of soil and groundwater contaminants. This should be done in accordance with Title 23 CCR, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 11. It should include the scope of work to be done, methods to be used in implementing proposed work and time schedule for completion and timely reporting of results to the RWQCB. The results of the groundwater and soil investigation report must be adequate to determine the source, nature and extent (both vertical and lateral) of the discharge, with sufficient detail to provide the basis for decisions regarding subsequent cleanup and abatement actions. An acceptable workplan is due on **January 5**, 2001

Submit a groundwater monitoring report for the Fourth Quarter 2000. Groundwater analytical protocol should include analyses for fuel oxygenates including MTBE, di-isopropyl ether (DIPE), ethyl-tertiary-butyl ether (ETBE), tertiary-amyl-methyl ether (TAME), and tertiary-butyl alcohol (TBA) and should be included as part of the report. This report is due on **January 31**, 2001.

Any person failing or refusing to furnish information requested under the authority of CWC section 13267, or falsifying information submitted to the Regional Board pursuant to such a request, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to civil liability. Civil liability may be imposed administratively by the RWQCB in an amount of up to \$1,000 per day of violation (i.e., for each day of delay in submitting all information requested, or for each day that false information remains uncorrected).

Mr. and Mrs. Narain Former Delta Discount Gas

If you have any questions, or require additional assistance, please contact Ms. Jody Ebsen of my staff at (858) 636-3146.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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